

### CLAIMS

1. An applicator comprising:  
a reservoir adapted to contain a fluid;  
a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and  
a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection, wherein breaking of said breakable connection allows passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad.
2. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the reservoir includes at least one wall which is adapted to flex sufficiently under pressure from an operator's finger to force fluid from the reservoir into the pad.
3. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the tab includes a stem attached to the applicator at the breakable connection, and wherein the pad includes a channel for slidably receiving said stem.
4. The applicator of Claim 3, wherein the is oval in cross section.
5. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the tab is attached to the pad, and wherein the breakable connection is formed of friable material such that bending of the tab relative to the applicator causes breaking of said breakable connection.
6. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable fluid.
7. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable tissue adhesive for surgical applications.
8. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid comprises a cyanoacrylate ester adhesive.
9. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid comprises butyl or octyl cyanoacrylate, or a mixture of butyl and octyl cyanoacrylates.